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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Pursuant to the revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-183. (Canceled)

184. (Currently Amended) A ~~An isolated or~~ recombinant polypeptide, wherein the recombinant polypeptide induces proliferation of T cells in the presence of a mature polypeptide region of a wild-type p35 polypeptide subunit of human interleukin-12, and wherein the recombinant polypeptide comprises a sequence that is at least 95% identical to the full length of the mature polypeptide region of SEQ ID NO:8.

185. (Currently Amended) The ~~isolated or~~ recombinant polypeptide of claim 184, wherein the mature polypeptide region of SEQ ID NO:8 comprises amino acid residues 23-324 of SEQ ID NO:8.

186. (Currently Amended) The ~~isolated or~~ recombinant polypeptide of claim 184, wherein the recombinant polypeptide comprises a sequence that is at least 97% identical to the full length of the mature polypeptide region of SEQ ID NO:8.

187. (Currently Amended) The ~~isolated or~~ recombinant polypeptide of claim 186, wherein the recombinant polypeptide comprises the mature polypeptide region of SEQ ID NO:8.

188. (Currently Amended) A ~~An isolated or~~ recombinant polypeptide, wherein the recombinant polypeptide induces proliferation of T cells in the presence of a wild-type p35 polypeptide subunit of human interleukin-12, and wherein the recombinant polypeptide

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comprises a sequence that is at least 95% identical to the full length of the sequence of SEQ ID NO:8.

189. (Currently Amended) The ~~isolated or~~ recombinant polypeptide of claim 188, wherein the recombinant polypeptide comprises a sequence that is at least 97% identical to the full length of the sequence of SEQ ID NO:8.

190. (Currently Amended) The ~~isolated or~~ recombinant polypeptide of claim 189, wherein the recombinant polypeptide comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO:8.

191-200. (Canceled)

201. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising the recombinant polypeptide of claim 184 and a carrier.

202-203. (Canceled)

204. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 201, further comprising a mature polypeptide region of a wild-type p35 polypeptide subunit of human interleukin-12.

205-206. (Canceled)

207. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 201, wherein the carrier is a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

208-209. (Canceled)

210. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising the recombinant polypeptide of claim 188 and a carrier.

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211. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 210, further comprising a wild-type p35 polypeptide subunit of human interleukin-12.

212. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 211, wherein the carrier is a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

213-216. (Canceled)